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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: REPORTED COUP ATTEMPT - SOMALIA

REF: USDAO ADDIS IR 6-830-0241-74 (201000Z SEP 74)

1. ON OR ABOUT AUG 31, SIX SOMALI NATIONALS WERE FOUND GUILTY BY NATIONAL SECURITY COURT OF NORTHWEST REGION (HARGEISA) OF "ORGANIZING AND PARTICIPATING IN SECRET UNDERGROUND ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY ASSOCIATION". ONE MAN SENTENCED DEATH (FIRING SQUAD) AND FIVE OTHERS TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT. FIFTEEN OTHERS WERE ACQUITTED. SENTENCING WAS ANNOUNCED IN SONNA ON SEPT. 1.

2. WE SUSPECT THIS IS COUP PLOT DESCRIBED REFTEL, SINCE HAR-GEISA CONSPIRATORS -- LIKE THOSE CITED IN ADDIS IR -- WERE ARRESTED FOLLOWING ALLEGED PLOT'S DISCOVERY.

3. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE LITTLE OR NO INFO ON DETAILS OF PLOT, BRIT ANTHROPOLOGIST WHO WAS IN HARGEISA AT TIME AND WHO HAS MANY CONTACTS IN AREA TOLD US SUBSEQUENTLY THAT SO-CALLED HARGEISA PLOT CONSISTED OF NOTHING MORE THAN CONDEMNED MAN'S POSSESSION
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OF AN OVER-AGE BRIT. RIFLE.

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4. IN ANY CASE, NO EVIDENCE THAT PLOT OR PLOTTERS HAVE UNNERVED GSDR IN MOGADISCIO. SIAD DEPARTED MOGADISCIO FOR BRAZZAVILLE SUMMIT AUG. 30 -- ABOUT TIME SENTENCE WAS PASSED.
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